

MINUTES

Western Nevada Development District
Board of Directors Meeting
5:30 PM, Wednesday, 14 December 2016
Pietro's Famiglia Ristorante
834 Victorian Avenue. Sparks, Nevada 89431

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carson City, Michael Salogga; Churchill County, Nate Strong; City of Fallon, Lem Mackedon; Douglas County, Lisa Granahan; City of Fernley, Roy Edgington, Jr.; Pershing County, Heidi Lusby-Angvick and Carol Shank; City of Lovelock, Pat Rowe & Mark Hauenstein; Storey County, Dean Haymore; Washoe County, Jenifer Rose; City of Reno, Teri Bath; City of Sparks, Ed Lawson , Kristopher Dahir; Private Sector Rep, Mineral County, Shelley Hartman

MEMBERS ABSENT Humboldt County, City of Winnemucca, Lyon County, City of Yerington, Mineral County; Fallon Shoshone-Paiute Tribe, Pyramid Lake Tribe, Reno-Sparks Colony, Walker River Paiute, Washoe Tribe, Yerington Paiute Tribe, and Associate Members

STAFF PRESENT: Ron Radil, Executive Director, Sheryl Gonzales, Project Manager, Patti Romanelli, Bookkeeper, and Diane Heet

Call to Order: Ed Lawson, President, called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL- Roll Call was completed. A quorum was declared present.

Introduction of Guests: Dr. Tom Harris, and Dr. Fred Steinmann, UNR University Center for Economic Development; Rob McDougal, in coming Pershing County Commissioner; Mark Costa, NDOT, Chief, Multi-Modal Planning and Program Development and Bill Story, NDOT, Assistant Chief , Multi-Modal Planning and Program Development, Roberta Haymore, Jim Rowe, John Shank, Bill Hartmann and David Heet

President Lawson said in the interest of time and for the benefit of the NDOT representatives, Item 10 would be taken next.

Presentation / Discussion – Corridor, Transit, and Transit Facility Plan NDOT

A draft of the proposed NDOT transit plan, with a map of the study area and a map indicating the industrial centers location was distributed in board members' packets.

Mark Costa said a need has been identified for a coordinated corridor, transit, and transit facility plan within the Carson City, Washoe, Storey, Churchill and Lyon County areas. The study area will be: I-580 between Carson City and Reno/Sparks; I-80 between Reno/Sparks

and Fernley; Alternate Route US 95 between Fernley and Silver Springs; and US 50 between Silver Springs and Carson City

Mark Costa said they are giving the Board contact information to send an e-mail for providing information about the transit study to them, and giving the Board a timeline for what NDOT is looking for in order to make any changes. They are looking at releasing a Request for Proposal (an RIP) to put out on to the street for vendors to go ahead and bid on for the study in mid-January. This study is a very high level at a 30,000 foot level.

They know there are a lot of dynamics. A lot of information has already been done. It's a matter of NDOT working with the vendors collecting this information. Costa said Professor Harris has done a lot of work regarding commuting linkages and economics. Costa said they should go ahead and define "transit", as it means a lot of different things to a lot of different people and should be defined as evaluating ways to efficiently move people in and out of the TRI area going to and from work. He said Transit is defined as anything that is outside of the box; there are no set options. They want to analyze movement, demographics and traffic patterns that occur ongoing or are planned for in the near future. They may even look farther down the road where they can look at what is going to be happening.

The current transit study proposal focuses on four counties. Now they are looking at expanding the areas to include the entire WNDD region. The study is not just for NDOT but would include all stake holders also. He said they are not talking about solutions. One concern is the increasing need. They include the disabled and the elderly who are trying to get around in the area in which they live.

He said NDOT is facing reduced funding for all programs. In the past year the federal money that NDOT receives is about two-thirds of what they need. He said they used to be able to fund everybody. They aren't able to do that anymore. They will have to rank each application based on merit, and fund according to their merit. They would like to have employers partner with NDOT. Costa said he would answer any questions or comments.

Teri Bath asked "what is TRI?"

Costa replied, "The area between US 50 and Interstate 80.

Roy said, "Look at Amazon. When they left Fernley they had 800 employees. Four hundred of them went to Reno. Those people are traveling back and forth to TRI.

Lawson asked what NDOT wants from WNDD.

Costa replied that they want Board members' comments about the proposal.

Radil asked if there is a deadline or drop dead date for information/comments to NDOT?

Costa re-stated NDOT would like to issue RFP in mid-January and NDOT would like to receive board comments by the 2nd or 3rd of January.

Sheryl said at one time there was a Transportation Work Group formed to discuss and provide input for the proposed NDOT transit study.

Radil agreed, but now NDOT is looking for input from the entire board, and expanding their original transit area.

Haymore stated there will be increased traffic on US 95A between Fernley and Yerington, US 50A from Fernley to Fallon and US 95 going south. These areas should be included in any transit study.

Lawson said board members are to submit their comments to Radil, who will bundle the comments into one package and forward the comments to NDOT.

President Lawson suspended the meeting at 6:35 p.m. in order for those present to enjoy their meal.

President Lawson resumed the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Accept Agenda

Motion by Shelley Hartmann to accept the Agenda as amended. *Carol Shank seconded the motion.* Motion carried.

Public Comment – There was none.

Discussion/ Approval – Meeting Minutes of October 12, 2016

Heidi Lusby-Angvick moved to approve the Meeting Minutes of the 12 October 2016 regular Board meeting. *Motion seconded by Carol Shank.* Motion carried .

Discussion/ Approval – Treasurer’s Report for FY 2017, July 1, 2016 through November 30, 2016

No discussion

Motion by Shelley Hartmann to approve the Treasurer’s Report for FY 2017, July 1, 2016 through November 30, 2016 as presented. *Pat Rowe seconded the motion.* *Motion carried.*

Discussion / Approval – WNDD Board Meeting Dates and Sites for FY 2017 and FY 2018

Radil reminded Board members that meetings will have alternate sites between Fernley City Hall, and the Storey County Building at TRI. Beginning with the February, 2017 Board meeting, the Board Meetings will be the 4th Monday in February, April, August and October. The semi-annual tour and dinner meetings will be held on the 2nd Wednesday.

The next meeting is scheduled for 9:30 a.m., Monday, February 27, 2017 at City Hall, Fernley, Nevada.

Someone asked for the TRI location. Heidi Lusby Angvick replied, “turn right on Denmark, and left on Peru.”

Motion by Heidi Lusby Angvick to approve the revised WNDD Board Meeting Dates and Sites for FY 2017 and FY 2018. *Carol Shank seconded the motion.* Motion carried.

Discussion – Comprehensive Economic Develop Strategy Update

Radil said the District still needs CEDS update information from Fallon and Sparks. The updates should be submitted by the end of December with Board approval at the February Board meeting.

Discussion/Approval – Approval of Submittal of EDA Public Works Application at Tahoe Reno Industrial Center

Radil said some Board Members met Wil Marshall, our new EDR, when he visited the District in September during the Economic Development Conference. He said WNDD is working on an EDA Public Works Application with TRI GID and Storey County as co-applicants. One of them will be the designated lead applicant. Marshall told Radil this is the first time he has ever worked with a development district and the process is different from what he has worked on in the past regarding EDA projects.

The application is for construction of two water storage tanks to be used as cooling purposes for Switch, maybe Tesla, and perhaps some other companies. Radil said would like a letter from the Board providing formal action to submit the Application.

The application does meet one of the CEDS goals – Increase improvements and investments in infrastructure, transportation, water, wastewater systems and broadband to make the region more business-ready and to attract, retain, and expand business.

Haymore stated the system for cooling water uses at TRI is necessary for the types of companies at TRI. The system allows for the cooling water to be used eight times before being put back into the Truckee River.

Lawson said he would like to see first see the letter then have the board approve the letter. The Board will do a conference call.

Motion by Roy Edgington Jr. to provide a letter from the Board approving submittal of the EDA Public Works Application at Reno Tahoe Industrial Center, followed by a conference call with formal action to approve the letter. *Teri Bath seconded the motion.* Motion carried.

Reports and Updates

a) WNDD Revolving Loan Fund Update

Radil said there is \$32,000 available to lend. Currently there are five borrowers. One of the borrowers had a major illness about a year ago and got behind in their payments. They have been making an effort to become current and are still 60 days behind. Radil stated the WNDD RLF Loan Review Committee is apprised of this situation and the overall RLF program.

b) 2016 2nd Annual Nevada Economic Development Conference report deferred to the February 2017 Board Meeting.

c) 2017 3rd Annual Nevada Economic Development Conference, UNLV are deferred to the February 2017 Board meeting.

d) Membership Dues

Radil referred Board member to page 5 under Supporting Documentation of the Agenda for the list of Membership Dues received in FY2017. Action on this item will be taken at the February meeting.

e) Associate Memberships

Action on this item also will be taken at the February meeting.

Member WNDD Board Appointments

f) These appointments are made in January. Radil noted that Carol Shank asked Rob McDougal to attend this meeting as an introduction to the WNDD Board. McDougal will be the Pershing County appointment to the WNDD Board.

Radil said there will be a call-in in January.

Discussion Inter-jurisdictional Issues

There was no discussion of Inter-jurisdictional issues.

Other New Business

The next Meeting is scheduled for 9:30 AM, Monday, 27 February, 2017 at City Hall, Fernley, Nevada

Adjournment

President Lawson adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED:

Lisa Granahan, Secretary/Treasurer

Ed Lawson, President